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INTERNATIONAL ROLE, GOI FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY ASEAN

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1. JAKARTA PRESS DECEMBER 12 REPORTS SERIES OF STATE-
MENTS BY GOI FONMIN MALIK DECEMBER 11 ON ABOVE SUBJECTS.

STATEMENTS GENERALLY REPEAT FAMILIAR GOI POSITIONS, BUT
HAVE SOME INTEREST DUE TO TIMING JUST PRIOR TO MALIK'S

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DEPARTURE FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT TO EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY AND

SOVIET UNION. SIGNIFICANT POINTS(REPORTED BY OFFICIAL
NEWS AGENCY ANTARA EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INDICATED) AS
FOLLOWS:

2. VIETNAM/ICCS: IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH NEWSMEN,
MALIK APPEALED FOR RETURN TO NEGOTIATING TABLE IN VIETNAM.
STATED SITUATION TURNING FROM "BAD TO WORSE" IN ABSENCE OF
"ANY PROGRESS" TOWARD PEACE AS CALLED FOR IN PARIS AGREE-
MENT, AND DESCRIBED ICCS AS "ABSOLUTELY POWERLESS" IN FACE
OF WORSENING SITUATION ON GROUND.

3. GOI'S INTERNATIONAL ROLE: ADDRESSING FONDEPT
STAFF TRAINING COURSE, MALIK STRESSED THAT DUE TO INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENTS AND INCREASING NATIONAL CAPABILITIES,
INDONESIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE MUCH LONGER TO EVADE "CONSTRUC-
TIVE INTERNATIONAL ROLES" URGED ON HER BY OTHERS, AND SAID
GOI MUST DEVELOP ITS CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT
SUCH ROLES.

4. GOI FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY: ADDRESSING INDONESIAN-
GERMAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON, MALIK STATED THAT
GOI POLICY WILL BE GEARED TO BROADENING OF BASES OF
INDONESIA'S FOREIGN TRADE AND SOURCES OF DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE, AND THAT ANY COUNTRY WILLING TO ASSIST INDONESIA
WOULD BE "WELCOMED." MALIK URGED FRG TO PLAY ACTIVE ROLE
IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EEC AND ASEAN,
AND (ACCORDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE INDONESIA TIMES) ASSURED
AUDIENCE THAT GOI WOULD CONTINUE TO PRACTICE COOPERATION
AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION IN QUEST FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER IN WHICH DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ECONOMIC
LEVELS OF STATES AND INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE LESSENED.

5. ASEAN: MALIK TOLD GERMAN GROUP THAT GOI DOES NOT
BELIEVE ASEAN SHOULD MOVE TOWARDS "BROADER-RANGED COMMIT-
MENTS" SUCH AS LARGER ASIAN-PACIFIC FORUMS UNTIL ASEAN'S
"FUNCTION AND CONTINUITY" IN ANY LARGER STRUCTURE IS
ASSURED. HE STATED GOI APPROVAL FOR OTHER SUB-REGIONAL
GROUPINGS SUCH AS NEW ZEALAND-PROPOSED SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
GROUP, IN WHICH INDONESIA'S PROJECTED PARTICIPATION WOULD
PROVIDE INTERLOCKING LINK WITH ASEAN AND INTRODUCE ASEAN'S
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COOPERATIVE CONCEPTS. HE FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF OTHER
ASEAN COUNTRIES PERFORMING SAME ROLE IN OTHER SUB-REGIONAL
GROUPINGS
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6. COMMENTS:

A. MADOJDSIERIC# REMARKED EBHZHLNSLDM# HAS MADE IN

PUBLIC TO DATE ON SUBJECT, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN INTENDED AS SIGNAL OF INDONESIAN DISCOMFORT WITH CURRENT POSITION OF ICCS AND LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN SOME QUARTERS OVER CONTINUED ICCS ROLE IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER PROGRESS IN PEACE TALKS. MALIK WILL PRESUMABLY DISCUSS ICCS SITUATION IN THESE TERMS DURING VISIT TO HUNGARY.

B. WITH EAST GERMANY HIS FIRST STOP ON UPCOMING TRIP, MALIK'S SELECTION OF WEST GERMAN AUDIENCE FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS TALK CLEARLY NOT COINCIDENTAL. STATEMENT TO GERMANS ON "BROADENING" OF INDONESIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS ECHOES SIMILAR PREVIOUS REASSURANCES THAT GOI'S ECONOMIC OVERTURE TO THE EAST NOT INTENDED TO DIMINISH RELATIONS WITH WEST.

C. MALIK'S STATEMENT RE COOPERATIVE AND ACCOMMODATING GOI INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT MAY BE INTENDED TO SEPARATE INDONESIA SOMEWHAT FROM RECENT CONFRONTATIONIST TACTICS OF MUCH OF THIRD WORLD GROUP, WHILE AT SAME TIME HE ENDORSED THIRD WORLD GOAL OF MORE "EQUITABLE" INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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